








Office of Public Instruction

Career and Technical Education Division

As career opportunities change, Montana's schools must also prepare students for real jobs in the real world. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division helps create an educated Montana workforce by supporting education programs in agriculture, business, family and consumer sciences, health occupations, industrial technology, and marketing. 163 Montana high schools (99%) provide CTE programs. The division's functions include:

-  **Assists with curriculum development for CTE programs**
-  **Plans and provides professional development support for CTE teachers to ensure Montana's programs have current educational content**
-  **Communicates with schools concerning state and federal Career and Vocational/Technical Education funding**
-  **Monitors federal Carl Perkins and state CTE programs and expenditures**
-  **Maintains current CTE instructor databases for assistance with recruitment and retention of teachers**
-  **Develops and updates Montana Standards and Guidelines for Career and Vocational/Technical Education**
-  **Creates partnerships for CTE programs with business and industry associations and the public**
-  **Serves as State Advisor for CTE Student Organizations**

Montana Career and Technical Education Facts

Agriculture Education – 76 programs serve 4,658 students and have 72 FFA student chapters with 2,775 members

Business/Marketing Education -167 programs serve 15,984 business students, and 83 BPA and 12 DECA student chapters with 1,823 members

Family and Consumer Sciences Education – 117 programs serve 9,825 students and have 72 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America student chapters with 1,263 members

Industrial Technology Education – 114 programs serve 15,373 students and have 30 Skills USA-VICA Technology Student Association chapters with 661 members



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